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Whereas 1 in every 691 babies born in the United States has Down syndrome, and only 1 in every 1,100 worldwide;

Whereas Down syndrome is the most frequent chromosomal condition and occurs in all racial, ethnic, and economic groups;

Whereas individuals with Down syndrome attend school, work, make their own life decisions, have meaningful relationships, vote, and contribute to society;

Whereas advancements in education, medical care, research, and advocacy and positive support from family, friends, and the community contribute to individuals with Down syndrome living healthy and fulfilling lives;

Whereas promoting inclusive education, competitive integrated employment, and home and community-based services for individuals with Down syndrome is vital to individuals with Down syndrome achieving independence, economic self-sufficiency, and full participation in society;

Whereas the life expectancy of individuals with Down syndrome in the United States has increased dramatically in recent decades, from 25 years of age in 1983 to 60 years of age in 2022;

Whereas racial and ethnic minorities with Down syndrome experience life expectancy and health care disparities, which should be understood and addressed;

Whereas individuals with Down syndrome have different health profiles than other individuals, as individuals with Down syndrome are predisposed to develop certain major diseases, such as autoimmune disorders, leukemia, and Alzheimer's disease, and may not experience other major diseases, such as solid tumor cancers, certain heart attacks, and stroke;

Whereas individuals with Down syndrome should have access to health care providers who have easy access to updated, evidence-based medical care guidelines for children and adults with Down syndrome;

Whereas parents of babies and children with Down syndrome should receive the education and support they need to understand Down Syndrome;

Whereas, on October 8, 2008, the Prenatally and Postnatally Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act (Public Law 110-374; 122 Stat. 4051) was enacted to increase referrals in the United States to providers of key support services for mothers who have received a positive prenatal diagnosis for Down syndrome or a positive diagnosis for other prenatally or postnatally diagnosed conditions;

Whereas the United States, along with over 100 other countries, officially observes the date March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day, because Down syndrome occurs when an individual is born with 3 copies of chromosome 21; and

Whereas the inherent dignity and worth of individuals with Down syndrome, the valuable contributions of individuals with Down syndrome as promoters of well-being and diversity within their communities, and the importance of the individual freedom and independence of individuals with Down syndrome should be recognized: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 2022 as “World Down Syndrome Month”;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of World Down Syndrome Month;

(3) celebrates the significant contributions that individuals with Down syndrome make to their families, their communities, the United States, and the world;

(4) is committed to promoting the health, education, employment, well-being, community inclusion and support, and inherent dignity of all children and adults with Down syndrome;

(5) supports the advancement of scientific and medical research benefitting individuals with Down syndrome through the national and international endeavors of the National Institutes of Health, including through the INCLUDE project, focused on improving health outcomes for individuals with Down Syndrome; and

(6) encourages awareness and education regarding Down syndrome, including for new and expectant parents.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I have one request for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22; that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 282, H.R. 4521, the America COMPETES Act postcloture; further, that all time during adjournment, recess, leader remarks, and morning business count postcloture; that the Senate recess from 12:30 to 2:15 to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session of the Senate, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:58 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

R. RUSSELL RUMBAUGH, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, VICE THOMAS HARKER.

MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION

DENIS UDALL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 15, 2029. (REAPPOINTMENT)

TERESA ARRINGTON FOX UDALL, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2028. (REAPPOINTMENT)

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING ADVISORY BOARD

LUIS MANUEL BOTELLO, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 1, 2025. (NEW POSITION)

KENNETH M. JARIN, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE CHAIR OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING ADVISORY BOARD. (NEW POSITION)

KENNETH M. JARIN, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 1, 2027. (NEW POSITION)

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

RAYMOND M. JEFFERSON, OF HAWAII, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR BENEFITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VICE PAUL R. LAWRENCE.

ASSET AND INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW COMMISSION

LCRETIA MARIE MCCLENNEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSET AND INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW COMMISSION. (NEW POSITION)

WITHDRAWALS

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on March 21, 2022 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

ELAINE TREVINO, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE CHIEF AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATOR, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE GREGORY DOUD, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 7, 2021.

SARAH BLOOM RASKIN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR SUPERVISION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE RANDAL QUARLES, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 13, 2022.

LCRETIA MARIA MCCLENNEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSET AND INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW COMMISSION. (NEW POSITION), WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON MARCH 10, 2022.